

BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 23 2012

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Tullahoma, Coffee and Franklin Counties, Tennessee met in a regular session at the Municipal Building, in Tullahoma, on Monday, January 23, 2012 with Mayor Lane Curlee presiding and the following named members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen: Jimmy Blanks, Jerry Mathis, Greg Sandlin and Mike Stanton. Aldermen James Eads and Mike Norris were absent. There were five (5) board members present.

Louis J. Baltz, City Administrator; Randall Morrison, City Attorney; and Rosemary Womack, City Recorder; were also present at the meeting.

The meeting was then opened with an invocation by Rev. Sernobia McGee and she led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mayor Lane Curlee proclaimed the week of January 22-28, 2012 as School Board Appreciation Week and presented Mr. Pat Welch, Tullahoma School Board Chairman, with a copy of the proclamation.

COMMENDATIONS AND CERTIFICATES

Mayor Lane Curlee presented a certificate of appreciation for Mr. Everett J. Hatfield, Jr.'s 39 years of dedication and service to the citizens of Tullahoma as a Fire Fighter and Engineer. Mr. Hatfield retired on December 29, 2011.

Fire Captain Shasteen said that Mr. Hatfield was the backbone and anchor of the Tullahoma Fire Department and that he will be missed.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Dr. Neil Loeffler, 310 Oak Park Circle, stated that the We Care Committee wanted to thank the BMA for their support with the recent Martin Luther King Celebration. Also, Dr. Loeffler said he recently met with three local groups that are trying to eliminate job losses in the area. Dr. Loeffler also stated that there are numerous well qualified people who are willing to be appointed to various City Boards and that if they are not appointed to a specific board tonight perhaps we can have them contribute their expertise in other ways.

Mr. Chad Gabbard, 1208 South Polk Street, stated that he and his wife Tiffany own a firearms store (Chi Rho) and are looking to open an indoor firing/shooting range in Tullahoma. They wanted to know the steps they need to take.

REPORTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

ALDERMAN MATHIS - Mr. Mathis stated he attended a Youth Development Committee meeting that was held at the Tullahoma High School.

ALDERMAN EADS - Mr. Eads was absent.

ALDERMAN BLANKS - Dr. Blanks stated he had attended a Board of Education meeting. He stated the BMA would be voting on an appointment to the Tullahoma Area Economic Development Corporation and he wanted to remind people that this corporation was losing its only person with a medical background. Dr. Blanks asked if people would keep Alderman James Eads and his family in mind and also that he recovers quickly.

MAYOR PRO-TEM NORRIS - Mr. Norris was absent.

ALDERMAN STANTON - Mr. Stanton also asked for people to keep Alderman James Eads and his family in our prayers. He stated he attended two separate meetings this past week on "How to Market Tullahoma and How to Grow Tullahoma". Mr. Stanton attended a Tullahoma Area Economic Development Corporation meeting (TAEDC) where they drafted some changes to the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Policy. He also stated he went to the Martin Luther King celebration/walk. Mr. Stanton said he attended the Tullahoma Area Chamber of Commerce annual banquet where numerous awards were presented. He also attended a Hands on Science Center building committee meeting.

ALDERMAN SANDLIN - Mr. Sandlin stated he attended several meetings over the last two weeks they included: the Coffee County Industrial Board meeting, Tullahoma Planning Commission meeting, Tullahoma Area Chamber of Commerce annual banquet. He said the event to gather civil war artifacts and memorabilia that was sponsored by the Tennessee State Library and Archives and the Tennessee State Museum was well attended. Mr. Sandlin said that Mr. Randal Braker from the Duck River Utility Commission would be sending the City Administrator e-mails to keep the city informed about their board meetings. He stated that our retail sales taxes have been increasing.

MAYOR CURLEE - Mayor Lane Curlee stated the retail sales for November was up 9.3% over the same month last year. He noted that Mrs. Debi Graham, the City Coordinator recently received an award from the Tullahoma Area Chamber of Commerce for serving six (6) year on the Board of Directors. Mayor Curlee said he went to a Robert E. Lee Energy Team program, where they played a game titled, "Are you smarter than a fifth grader".

CITY ATTORNEY - Mr. Randall Morrison said he had nothing to report at this time.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR - Mr. Baltz stated there is an item in the packet on the process by which a section of South Jackson Street could be designated the "C. D. Stamps Highway".

Mayor Lane Curlee asked the Board if there were no objections, they would ask Mr. Cooley to provide information on Mr. C.D. Stamps in order to draft a resolution. There were no objections.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEM 12-7 – MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2012 MEETING

Mayor Curlee read the caption for the item on the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Sandlin and seconded by Dr. Blanks to approve the item listed in the consent agenda.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

Public Works Director, Mr. Wayne Limbaugh, gave an update on the safe routes to school grant. This should be our second grant for a program of this type. It is approximately \$226,000 for 2,000 feet of sidewalk. The sidewalk will go from East Lincoln Elementary to Roosevelt Street on the south side of Lincoln street.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 1424 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 1384 OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE, RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF SIGNS, for passage on second and final reading.

Mayor Curlee read the caption for Ordinance No. 1424.

A motion was made by Mr. Mathis and seconded by Mr. Sandlin to approve Ordinance No. 1424 on the second and final reading.

City Administrator, Mr. Jody Baltz, gave the background information and stated the Tullahoma Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend passage of the ordinance as written.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM 12-8 - APPOINTMENT TO TAEDC

Mayor Curlee read the caption for item 12-8 and asked if any of the nominees in the audience wanted to speak.

Mr. Brian D. Coate said a few words expressing how he wanted to be a part of the Tullahoma Area Economic Development Corporation.

Dr. William D. Jackson also said a few words expressing how he wanted to be a part of the Tullahoma Area Economic Development Corporation.

Alderman Mathis nominated Dr. John Dennie Crabtree, Jr.

A motion was made by Mr. Mathis and seconded by Mr. Stanton to appoint Dr. John Dennie Crabtree by acclamation.

The results being four (5) votes for Dr. John Dennie Crabtree, he is the new board member for the Tullahoma Area Economic Development Corporation (TAEDC). This is to fill the vacancy and this term will end on July 26, 2012.

RESOLUTION NO. 1535 - A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING POLICY FOR THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE, for adoption.

Mayor Curlee read the caption for Resolution No. 1535.

A motion was made by Mr. Stanton and seconded by both Mr. Sandlin and Dr. Blanks to adopt Resolution No. 1535 for the changes to the Tax Increment Financing Policy.

City Administrator, Louis J. Baltz III, gave the background information and stated that he recommends approval.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 1536 - A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA FY12 OPERATING BUDGET, for adoption.

Mayor Curlee read the caption for Resolution No. 1536.

A motion was made by Mr. Sandlin and seconded by Mr. Mathis to approve Resolution No. 1536 and amend the budget accordingly.

City Administrator, Louis J. Baltz III, gave the background information and stated that staff recommends approval.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

ITEM 12-9 - APPOINTMENT TO TRI-COUNTY RAILROAD AUTHORITY

Mayor Curlee read the caption for Item 12-9 and stated that Mr. Lee Yoder has expressed a willingness to continue his service on the Tri-County Railroad Authority. We had no other citizen Participation applications on file for this position.

A motion was made by Dr. Blanks and seconded by Mr. Mathis to re-appoint Mr. Lee Yoder as an at-large member of the Board of Directors of the Tri-county Railroad Authority.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

ITEM 12-10 - APPOINTMENT TO TULLAHOMA AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Mayor Curlee read the caption for Item 12-10 and gave the background information and stated that this position is a Board of Mayor and Aldermen appointment and the term is for five (5) years. He stated that Mr. Steve Worsham is eligible for re-appointment and he has expressed an interest in serving again. There are however, other citizen participation forms on file that are active. Mr. Leo Benetti-Longhini had called the office and requested that his name be withdrawn as a possible candidate.

Alderman Mathis nominated Mr. Steve Worsham.

The results being five (5) votes for Mr. Steve Worsham, he is the new board member for the Tullahoma Airport Authority. His term is for five years.

ITEM 12-11 - REVISION TO THE TPD SOP MANUAL

Mayor Curlee read the caption for Item 12-11.

A motion was made by Mr. Sandlin and seconded by Mr. Stanton to approve the changes to the Standard Operating Procedures and Organizational chart for the police department.

City Administrator, Mr. Jody Baltz, gave the background information and stated that staff recommended approval.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

ITEM 12-12 - PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLE

Mayor Curlee read the caption for Item 12-12.

A motion was made by Mr. Sandlin and seconded by Dr. Blanks to approve the purchase of a Chevrolet Tahoe from state contract.

City Administrator, Mr. Jody Baltz, gave the background information and stated that funds were budgeted and available and staff recommended approval.

There was a discussion on purchasing from the state contract.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

ITEM 12-13 - PURCHASE OF FIRE VEHICLE

Mayor Curlee read the caption for Item 12-13.

A motion was made by Dr. Blanks and seconded by Mr. Sandlin to approve the purchase of a Chevrolet Tahoe from state contract.

City Administrator, Mr. Jody Baltz, gave the background information.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered

Mayor Lane Curlee reminded everyone that there was a joint study Session (BMA and Planning Commission) planned for Monday, January 30, 2012 at 6:00 in the Board Room.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Mayor and Aldermen at this time the Board Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR